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Christ, Mark K., Editor
Spring 2004

Christ, Mark K., Editor *"All Cut to Pieces and Gone to Hell": The Civil War, Race Relations, and the Battle of Poison Spring.* August House, \$23.95 ISBN 874837367

Essays in this compilation offer insights into the battle near Camden, Arkansas, on April 18, 1864. Central to this work is the element of race and how it factored into the slaughter of black Union soldiers in the aftermath of the Federal defeat.

Ford-Williamson, Estelle
Spring 2004

Ford-Williamson, Estelle *Abbeville Farewell: A Novel of Early Atlanta & North Georgia.* Other Voices Press, \$18.00 ISBN 097083201X

A novel that tells the story of the settlement of Atlanta and North Georgia through the experiences of one family from the post-Revolutionary War era through the antebellum period. The family's story is shaped by western expansion and their experiences with slavery, especially in the aftermath of the failed Denmark Vesey slave rebellion of 1822.

Canfield, Nicholas J.
Spring 2004

Canfield, Nicholas J. *All Out Of Heart: A Journalist's Memoir of the Civil War.* 1st Books, \$15.50 ISBN 1410743926

This fictional journal of the war is told through the eyes of a reporter. Canfield experiences many of the most important events and battles of the war from being within Fort Sumter during the bombardment, Cemetery Ridge during

Picket's Charge and to traveling with Sherman's army as it marched to the sea.

Reasoner, James
Spring 2004

Reasoner, James *Appomattox: A Novel*. Cumberland House Publishing, Inc., \$22.95 ISBN 1581823282

Savannah is the ninth in a series chronicling the travails of the Brannon Family of Virginia. The latest installment recounts the family's involvement with the Campaign for Atlanta and Sherman's March to the Sea as well as life in the occupied South.

Potter, Bill
Spring 2004

Potter, Bill *Beloved Bride: The Letters of Stonewall Jackson to his Wife*. The Vision Forum, Inc., \$14.00 ISBN 1929241631

Actor Stephen Lang, who portrayed Jackson in *Gods and Generals*, writes the introduction of this edited paperback volume of Jackson letters. The letters are the correspondence Jackson had with his wife that began in the mid-1850's and continue throughout the first two years of the war.

Gauss, John
Spring 2004

Gauss, John *Black Flag! Black Flag!: The Battle at Fort Pillow*. University Press of America, \$38.00 ISBN 761825320

John Gauss describes the controversial battle of Fort Pillow and the violent aftermath that resulted in the massacre of black Union soldiers. The book relies heavily upon *The Reports of Committees of the Senate of the United States for the First Session of the Thirty-eighth Congress* (1864).

Thomsen, Brian M., Editor
Spring 2004

Thomsen, Brian M., Editor *Blue & Gray at Sea: Naval Memoirs of the Civil War*. A Tom Doherty Associates Book, \$25.95 ISBN 765308959

Featuring the writings of Union and Confederate sailors, **Blue and Gray at Sea** is a compilation of several memoirs edited by Thomsen into book length chapters in order to describe important navel battles of the Civil War. The book includes work written by both sides of the conflict.

Chapman, Sarah Bahnson, Editor
Spring 2004

Chapman, Sarah Bahnson, Editor *Bright and Gloomy Days: The Civil War Correspondence of Captain Charles Frederic Bahnson, a Moravian Confederate*. University of Tennessee Press, \$37.00 ISBN 1572332263

A new contribution to the University of Tennessee's *Voices of the Civil War* series, Chapman has edited the correspondence of a North Carolinian that was a member of the Moravian Church. This church opposed the war because of its commitment to the ideals of pacifism. The letters include descriptions of his life in the army as a Confederate quartermaster.

Jones, Terry L.
Spring 2004

Jones, Terry L. *Cemetery Hill: The Struggle for the High Ground, July 1-3, 1863*. Da Capo Press, \$17.95 ISBN 306812355

A new addition to the De Capo Press' *Battleground America Guides*, Cemetery Hill. The series seeks to describe one aspect of a battle in book length detail. This book on the three days of Gettysburg concentrates on the fighting for control of cemetery hill.

Sifakis, Stewart

Spring 2004

Sifakis, Stewart *Compendium of the Confederate Armies: Virginia*. Willow Bend Books, \$24.95 ISBN 1585497010

Officers, assignments, and place and date of regimental organization are arranged in this slim volume by Stewart Sifakis about the regiments that were raised in Virginia during the Civil War.

Hughes, Mark

Spring 2004

Hughes, Mark *Confederate Cemeteries: Volume 2*. Heritage Books, Inc., \$44.50 ISBN 788423452

Names of over 10,500 Confederate soldiers, and 1,000 Union soldiers buried outside of the National Cemetery System are featured in volume two of this reference series. The names are arranged alphabetically and often include the soldier's company, regiment, state, and date of death or burial.

Varnes, Paul

Spring 2004

Varnes, Paul *Confederate Money: A Novel*. Pineapple Press, Inc., \$18.95 ISBN 1561642711

Readers follow the path of Henry Fenn as he plots revenge for the murder of this stepfather by Yankee soldiers and his schemes to turn his fortune in Confederate paper money into gold and silver.

The American Civil War Round Table (UK)

Spring 2004

The American Civil War Round Table (UK) *Crossfire: A Civil War Anthology*. Military Press, \$25.00 ISBN 854202528

Members of the American Civil War Round Table (UK) contribute to this collection of essays. The anthology has been published in celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary.

Cox, John D.
Spring 2004

Cox, John D. *Culp's Hill: The Attack and Defense of the Union Flank, July 2, 1863*. Da Capo Press, \$17.95 ISBN 306812347

Cox's work is a new addition to the Da Capo Press's Battleground America Guides. The series seeks to describe one aspect of a battle in book length detail. This book on the second day of Gettysburg concentrates on the fighting for control of Culp's Hill.

Lowry, Thomas P.
Davis, William C.
Spring 2004

Lowry, Thomas P. and Davis, William C.. *Curmudgeons, Drunkards, & Outright Fools: Courts-Martial of Civil War Union Colonels*. University of Nebraska Press, \$17.95 ISBN 803280246

Lowry presents the stories of 50 colonels who were a part of a court-martial during the Civil War. Each colonel's activity and the basics from the case are presented. In addition to these narratives the author also provides a statistical analysis of court-martials in the Union army.

Browning, Jr., Robert M.
Spring 2004

Browning, Jr., Robert M. *From Cape Charles to Cape Fear: The North Atlantic Blockading Squadron during the Civil War.* University of Alabama Press, \$27.95 ISBN 817350195

Browning's 1993 study of the Union blockade is now available in its first paperback edition. The study examines the importance of the navy in the Union overall victory especially with their duty along the eastern sea board.

Mahood, Wayne
Spring 2004

Mahood, Wayne *General Wadsworth: The Life and Wars of Brevet General James S. Wadsworth.* Da Capo Press, \$27.50 ISBN 030681238X

James S. Wadsworth was a New York millionaire with close ties to the Lincoln administration. An abolitionist, Wadsworth ran for governor of the state of New York in 1862. Upon losing the election he was given command of a division and led his troops in action at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. Wadsworth died from wounds he received at the battle of the Wilderness.

Longacre, Edward G.
Spring 2004

Longacre, Edward G. *Gentleman and Soldier: The Extraordinary Life of General Wade Hampton.* Rutledge Hill Press, \$27.50 ISBN 1558539646

Wade Hampton served as a cavalry commander for the Confederacy and was a part of many of the wars major battles in the Eastern theater. Before the war he was one of the richest men in South Carolina; he later became Governor of South Carolina and a U.S. Senator. This is the first biography of Hampton in over 50 years.

Coco, Gregory A.
Spring 2004

Coco, Gregory A. *Gettysburg's Confederate Dead*. Thomas Publications, \$16.95
ISBN 1577470842

Divided into two parts, the book's first section described the work of a John O'Neil, who moved the remains of thousands of Confederate soldiers that died in Gettysburg to cemeteries in the South. The second part is a register of known Confederate died and their burial site.

Burton, John Michael
Spring 2004

Burton, John Michael *Gracie's Alabama Volunteers: The History of the Fifty-ninth Alabama Volunteer Regiment*. Pelican Publishing Company, \$23.00
ISBN 1589801164

A regimental history that traces the history of the 59th Alabama Volunteer Regiment from its beginnings as a part of Hillard's Alabama Legion in the spring of 1862 to its eventual demise as a part of the Army of Northern Virginia. The work includes a complete muster roll.

Northcott, Dennis
Brooks, Thomas
Spring 2004

Northcott, Dennis and Brooks, Thomas. *Grand Army of the Republic Department of Illinois: Transcription of the Death Rolls, 1879-1947*. Dennis Northcott, \$29.99 ISBN 972834400

Northcott and Brooks have written this reference work, which includes the name, rank, post, date of death, the source of the information, and the company, regiment, or ship of the members of Grand Army of the Republic, the largest veterans' association in the country.

Waters, Andrew, Editor

Spring 2004

Waters, Andrew, Editor *I Was Born in Slavery*. John F. Blair, Publisher, \$10.95
ISBN 895872749

Waters has edited interviews made by the Federal Writers' Project of former enslaved people in Texas. The book includes 28 selections out of over 590 interviews made by the project in Texas.

Johnson, Clint
Spring 2004

Johnson, Clint *In the Footsteps of J.E.B. Stuart*. John F. Blair, Publisher, \$12.95
ISBN 895872617

Clint Johnson has added a new travel book of the important places in the lives of Confederate generals. This work concentrates on J.E.B. Stuart and traverses from Laredo, Texas, to West Point, New York, to Arlington, Virginia, in order to tell his story.

Harman, Troy D.
Spring 2004

Harman, Troy D. *Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg*. Stackpole Books, \$19.95
ISBN 811700542

Harmon, a National Park Service Ranger at Gettysburg, argues in **Lee's Real Plan at Gettysburg** that Lee employed a unified strategy at Gettysburg. He contends that Lee's true objective of the campaign was the capture of Cemetery Hill, on both the second and the third day of the battle.

Donald, David Herbert
Spring 2004

Donald, David Herbert *Lincoln at Home: Two Glimpses of Abraham Lincoln's Family Life*. Simon & Schuster, \$11.00 ISBN 743211421

One of the foremost Lincoln scholars in the country, Donald concentrates on Lincoln as a husband and a father in the midst of his political career and as a wartime president. Abraham Lincoln and his family are portrayed as devoted to one another, amidst demands of public life that Mary Todd Lincoln termed a "hideous nightmare." Correspondence—sometimes affectionate, sometimes practical—between the Lincolns and their children is appended. This is the first time the book is available in paperback.

Uris, Leon
Spring 2004

Uris, Leon *O'Hara's Choice: A Novel*. Harper Collins Publishers, \$25.95 ISBN 60568739

Uris writes his final novel on the Marine Corps in the aftermath of the Civil War. The story follows the characters of Zachary O'Hara, the son of an Irish immigrant and Civil War hero, and Amanda Kerr, daughter of a rich industrialist involved in naval development, who seeks to further the cause of woman's liberation.

Waugh, John C.
Spring 2004

Waugh, John C. *On the Brink of Civil War: The Compromise of 1850 and How it Changed the Course of American History*. SR Books, \$17.95 ISBN 842029451

John C. Waugh, a writer of highly regarded popular history, turns his attention to the work of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, and John C. Calhoun in the Senate during the last major effort of their long political careers. Also, Waugh discusses the roles of four young Senators involved in the shaping of the Compromise of 1850: Henry Steward, Stephen A. Douglas, Salmon P. Chase, and Mexican War hero Jefferson Davis.

Corbett, Christopher
Spring 2004

Corbett, Christopher *Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express*. Broadway Books, \$23.95 ISBN 767906926

Christopher Corbett attempts to comb the historical truth out of the legend around the Pony Express. Corbett looks at both the actual running and history of the Pony Express and the forces that turned it into an American western legend.

Baker, Kevin
Spring 2004

Baker, Kevin *Paradise Alley: A Novel*. Perennial, \$14.95 ISBN 006095521X

Please see the Summer 2003 review of the hardcover edition. Baker's novel is new to paperback.

Conrad, James Lee
Spring 2004

Conrad, James Lee *Rebel Reefers: The Organization and Midshipmen of the Confederate States Naval Academy*. Da Capo Press, \$30.00 ISBN 306812371

Conrad provides a study of the scholarly neglected Confederate States Naval Academy. Union navel officer's trained in the relative safety of the U.S. Navel Academy away from the war. In contrast, Confederate midshipmen were thrust into active duty to defend the coasts and rivers of the Confederacy.

Taylor, Robert A.
Spring 2004

Taylor, Robert A. *Rebel Storehouse: Florida's Contribution to the Confederacy*. University of Alabama Press, \$19.95 ISBN 817350586

Taylor challenges traditional studies of the Civil War and urges that greater importance be placed on the peripheral regions effects on the War in this monograph on Florida's role in the conflict.

Lankford, Nelson
Spring 2004

Lankford, Nelson *Richmond Burning: The Last Days of the Confederate Capital*. Penguin Books, \$15.00 ISBN 142003107

Richmond Burning is new to paperback. Please refer to the Spring 2002 Issue of the Civil War Book Review for the full review.

McAulay, John D.
Spring 2004

McAulay, John D. *Rifles of the U.S. Army: 1861-1906*. Mowbray Publishing, \$47.95 ISBN 1931464081

An illustrated text that provides a catalog and history of the rifles used by the United States Army between 1861 and 1906. Photos of the rifles and lists of units that used them are included.

Dempsey, Terrell
Spring 2004

Dempsey, Terrell *Searching for Jim: Slavery in Sam Clemens's World*. University of Missouri Press, \$44.95 ISBN 826214851

Part of the University of Missouri Press' Mark Twain and His Circle Series, Dempsey's monograph offers a new perspective on race in the writings of Mark Twain. The author seeks to provide a glimpse into the life of a slave in Twain's Hannibal, Missouri.

Tushnet, Mark V.
Spring 2004

Tushnet, Mark V. *Slave Law in the American South: State v. Mann in History and Literature*. University Press of Kansas, \$12.95 ISBN 700612718

Tushnet, in order to flesh out the influence of slave law on the society at large, has concentrated on one case: *State v. Mann*. This infamous case concluded that masters could not be prosecuted for harming their slaves and was the muse for Harriet Beecher Stowe's second novel *Dred*.

Hadden, Sally E.
Spring 2004

Hadden, Sally E. *Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas*. Harvard University Press, \$17.95 ISBN 674012348

The influence of third-party slave patrols is weighed in relation to the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, suggesting that their brutal means of racial control shaped the landscape of discrimination and hostility for years to come. This title is new to paperback.

MacLachlan, Courtney
Spring 2004

MacLachlan, Courtney *The Amanda Letters: Civil War Days on the Coast of Maine*. Heritage Books, \$22.50 ISBN 788423711

Courtney MacLachlan has compiled letters to and from Amanda Davis, a young woman who lived in Friendship, Maine. The author has attempted to interweave the letters of Davis with those of her relatives in Maine and those in the army in order to make a coherent narrative to reflect life in 1860's Maine.

Katcher, Philip
Spring 2004

Katcher, Philip *The Army of Northern Virginia: Lee's Army in the American Civil War, 1861-1865*. Routledge/ Taylor & Francis Group, \$95.00 ISBN 1579583318

A new installment in the Routledge Press' *The Great Armies* series, Katcher's book has a plethora of maps and illustrations to supplement descriptions and assessments of the campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Leckie, William H
Leckie, Shirley A.
Spring 2004

Leckie, William H and Leckie, Shirley A.. *The Buffalo Soldiers: A Narrative of the Black Cavalry in the West*. University of Oklahoma Press, \$29.95 ISBN 806135239

University of Oklahoma Press has issues a new and revised edition of the monumental 1967 study of African-American cavalrymen on the western frontier. The new edition has incorporated and summarized research on the Buffalo soldiers since the first edition.

Hughes, William E.
Spring 2004

Hughes, William E. *The Civil War Papers of Lt. Colonel Newton T. Colby, New York Infantry: Lt. Col. Newton T. Colby*. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, \$49.95 ISBN 786415053

This book is an edited collection of papers of an officer who served in the 23rd New York and 107th New York infantry regiments. Colby saw action at Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Harper's Ferry.

Watford, Christopher M., Editor
Spring 2004

Watford, Christopher M., Editor *The Civil War in North Carolina: Soldiers' and Civilians' Letters and Diaries, 1861-1865*. McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, \$39.95 ISBN 786414960

Watford's volume includes letters from soldiers and civilians that lived in or were from the mountain area of North Carolina. It is the 2nd volume in the McFarland & Company; series *The Civil War in North Carolina*.

Grafton, John
Spring 2004

Grafton, John *The Civil War: A Concise History and Picture Sourcebook*. Dover Publications, \$14.95 ISBN 486423069

Grafton's work gives a history of the Civil War through illustrations that appeared in various newspapers and magazines during the war. All of the illustrations contained in this book can be reproduced permission-free.

Flagel, Thomas R.
Spring 2004

Flagel, Thomas R. *The History Buff's Guide to the Civil War*. Cumberland House, \$16.95 ISBN 1581823711

Flagel has compiled a collection of "Top Ten" lists about the Civil War. Topics include the Best Generals, Deadliest Prison Camps, Worst Blunders, and others. Chapters are divided into sections that introduce the reader to the work in the following areas of the Civil War: Antebellum, Politics, Military Life, The Home Front, In Retrospect, and Pursuing the War.

Bernstein, Arnie
Simon, Paul
Spring 2004

Bernstein, Arnie and Simon, Paul. *The Hoofs and Guns of the Storm: Chicago's Civil War Connections.* Lake Claremont Press, \$15.95 ISBN 1893121062

This book seeks to demonstrate the importance that Chicago had in the Civil War. Bernstein points out that Chicago was key in Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860 and the Civil War was key in the development of modern Chicago.

Crist, Lynda Lasswell, Editor
Rozek, Barbara J., Assistant Editor
Williams, Kenneth H., Associate Editor
Spring 2004

Crist, Lynda Lasswell, Editor, Rozek, Barbara J., Assistant Editor, and Williams, Kenneth H., Associate Editor. *The Papers of Jefferson Davis, Volume 11: September 1864-May 1865.* Louisiana State University Press, \$85.00 ISBN 807129097

The 11th volume of **The Papers of Jefferson Davis** contains the correspondence and speeches of the Confederate President during the last nine months of the Confederacy and the rebellion. This is the fifth and last volume of the series that addresses the Civil War period.

White, Robert N.
Spring 2004

White, Robert N. *The Prince and the Yankee: The Tale of a Country Girl Who Became a Princess.* St. Martin's Press & I.B. Tauris, \$27.50 ISBN 1860648975

A biography of Agnes Laclec, an American who married a Prussian Prince. Her husband, Feliz zu Salm-Salm, served as a general in the Union Army and later fought Emperor Maximilian in Mexico. Laclec traveled with her husband and lobbied for his promotion throughout his military career and remained in Europe after he died in the Franco-Prussian War.

Lepa, Jack H.
Spring 2004

Lepa, Jack H. *The Shenandoah Valley Campaign in 1864.* McFarland & Company, Inc., \$45.00 ISBN 786416440

Lepa's book encompasses all of the combat that occurred in the Shenandoah Valley in 1864. The study concentrates on the individual soldier's experience in the conflict on both sides and includes commentary on the battles of New Market, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, and Cedar Creek.

Hardy, Michael C.
Spring 2004

Hardy, Michael C. *The Thirty-seventh North Carolina Troops: Tar Heels in the Army of Northern Virginia.* McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, \$45.00 ISBN 786415436

Hardy's regimental history is told through the words of the men of the 37th North Carolina Troops. The regiment fought in the eastern theatre and was part of the Army of Northern Virginia. The text is illustrated with photos of the unit's important and illustrious members. In addition, the volume has appendices that include a regimental roster and the grave sites of many of the men.

Urwin, Gregory J. W.
Spring 2004

Urwin, Gregory J. W. *The United States Cavalry: An Illustrated History, 1776-1944.* University of Oklahoma Press, \$19.95 ISBN 806134755

Urwin provides a survey history of the United States Cavalry featuring 32 color and 108 black and white illustrations. Many of the illustrations are original artwork by Ernest Lisle Reedstrom.

Blair, Jayne E.

Spring 2004

Blair, Jayne E. *Tragedy at Montpelier: The Untold Story of Ten Confederate Deserters from North Carolina.* Heritage Books, Inc., \$15.50 ISBN 788423703

Jayne E. Blair, an interpreter at Montpelier, the former estate and home of James Madison, writes on the history of Montpelier and of the execution of 10 North Carolinian Confederate deserters that occurred there in 1863.

Sinclair, Arthur

Spring 2004

Sinclair, Arthur *Two Years on the Alabama.* University of Alabama Press, \$35.00 ISBN 817350322

The University of Alabama Press in its *Library of Alabama Classics* series has reissued Arthur Sinclair's autobiographical memoir of his service aboard the British build Confederate steamer *Alabama*.

Cooper, Edward S.

Spring 2004

Cooper, Edward S. *William Worth Belknap: An American Disgrace.* Associated University Presses, \$60.00 ISBN 838639909

Edward S. Cooper lays bare the root causes of the fall of one of the Gilded Age's more infamous politicians in this book. Belknap was Grant's Secretary of War and was impeached in 1876 after soliciting bribes to pay for his avid lifestyle. Belknap's impeachment trial is an important point in United States Constitutional history because Congress exercised its power of impeachment even after Belknap resigned.

Griffith, Lucille

Spring 2004

Griffith, Lucille *Yours Till Death: Civil War Letters of John W. Cotton.*
University of Alabama Press, \$35.00 ISBN 817350438

Cotton, from Pinckneyville, Alabama, was a yeoman farmer in the Confederate army. Cotton alludes often to rural life and his life in the army in which he campaigned in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina.